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**COLTS GAIN** - The Mountain View Colts try to intercept the puck as the Cochrane Generals gear up to take a shot. The Generals won 4-2.

Mark Laycock / For the Review

## Mobile screening clinic coming to Didsbury

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Didsbury Review*

Cancer survivor, Terri McEwen, can't wait for crowds to see leading edge digital mammography pull into town in two weeks. After all, this community helped purchase the technology.

McEwen and the Didsbury Daisies, a group who walks in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, have raised \$400,000 in this town since 2005.

"This is totally because of our fundraising...people can see this is what they donated for," McEwen said.

Last July, the Alberta Cancer Foundation unveiled two 52-foot trailers with state-of-the-art digital mammography. The mobile units were purchased with \$11 million raised in Weekend to End Breast Cancer events.

The trailers, which pull into the parking lot at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on November 2, are geared towards giving rural women the same screening opportunities as their urban counterparts.

There are 100 communities on the circuit schedule, though so far Didsbury is the only stop in Mountain View County. A trailer could pull into Olds next year.

Organizers picked towns with the highest need for the technology, but residents from other areas are also welcome to use the trailer.

"This is a big deal. We want to make sure women who live outside major communities have access to this technology," said Jane Hauber, manager of screen tests for

Alberta Health Services.

This will be the 16th stop on the two-year tour. Women can book an appointment for a mammogram through Alberta Health Services if they are over 50. If women are in the 40 to 49-year-old age bracket and this is their first exam then they need a doctor referral.

Shawna Whiteside, who beat breast cancer this year, is excited to see mammogram screening in Didsbury because it's key to beating cancer early.

She often hears of women avoiding mammograms because they don't want to drive to big city centres, so having the units come to women's doorsteps will nix any excuse about travel.

Although she wishes women younger than 40 years old could get the exam. She was diagnosed with cancer at 36 years old and during treatment she saw patients as young as 22 battling the disease.

"I really disagree with women not being able to get this done until they're 40. I want women to get it at 25 years, I really do," she said.

"Maybe that is the next step with this mobile screening."

Sue Miller, a two-time cancer survivor, agrees.

"I know a lot of people who have been diagnosed younger than 40 and that isn't going to change...it isn't an old people's disease."

Alberta Health Services currently doesn't give routine mammograms to anyone under 40 because young women have dense breast tissue that X-rays can't always see through.

Older women also have a higher risk of getting breast cancer, with 95 per cent of the demographic being diagnosed with the disease compared to 5 per cent under 40.

Despite issues with age, Miller is still excited to see the trailer. Like McEwen, she has also fundraised for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, and says its "huge" to see what the money has gone towards.

"That this million dollar unit is coming here is just incredible. I am so excited. People can see what their money - and they have given a lot of money - has bought," she said.

The mammography unit is fully furnished with flat screen TVs in the waiting area. There are also extra rooms built in that can later be used to screen for cervical and colorectal cancer.

But it's the technology that is really impressive, Miller said.

Until now, technicians with Alberta Health Services came to town in vans and had to set up in church basements or town halls. And if hauling and setting up equipment wasn't a hassle, then they had to take fixed X-rays that could become blurry when developed at a lab in Edmonton. Women could be called in weeks or months later for a second mammogram.

The new software burps out images in seconds and allows technicians to ensure the picture is clear even before the patient dresses.

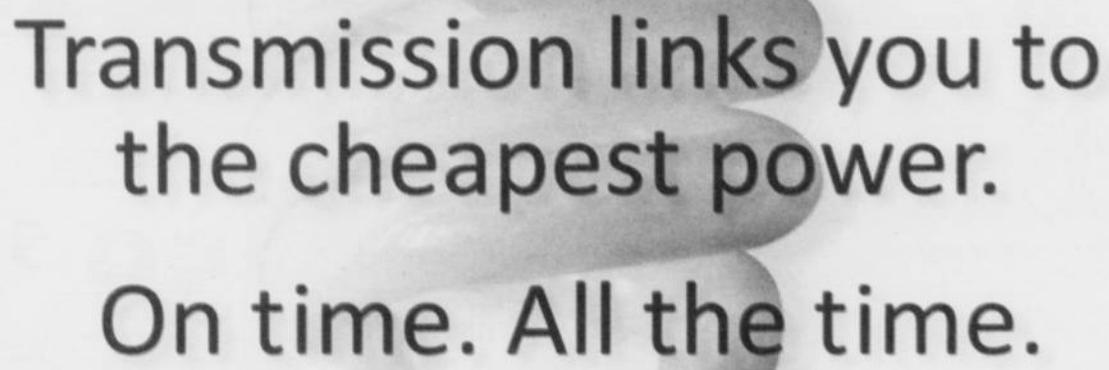
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Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

**AND THEY'RE OFF** - Ten DHS students are packing for the school's first humanitarian trip overseas. For one week the students will be learning about India's poor.

## Humanitarians visit slums

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Didsbury Review*

Ten high school students with dreams of making a difference will be travelling into the slums of India this November to see poverty first-hand.

This is a pioneer humanitarian trip overseas for Didsbury High School and the only tour of teenagers the Dalit Freedom Network has led.

"I'm really looking forward to it, I mean, this is a chance to really do some soul searching and ask why we have things other cultures don't," said Jordan Poffenroth, 17.

Poffenroth and nine other students were handpicked by DHS for their enthusiasm of social justice and advocacy. Before they even started packing, they were thinking of ways to get the message of poverty to this community.

"I want to come back and show people slides about what is going on and then talk to them on a personal level about what I saw," said Chelsey Lorenz, 17.

Poffenroth adds that he wants to come back a changed person, though he fears he won't be altered long.

"My only fear is that... I am just going to go and say that is sad... and move on. I want this to make a big difference."

James Carpenter, who runs the Alberta branch of the Dalit Freedom Network, will take the students to Hyderabad in Central India from November 10 to 20.

The group will tour slums and visit schools and villages to see the relief efforts the not-for-profit is engaged in.

The network is working to improve the lives of the Dalit people through education, micro-credit loans and advocacy. The Dalits are considered the lowest forms in India's caste system.

"What these kids will be experiencing is no holiday... we

want to show them the realities of the caste system in India and the poverty the lower caste people face," Carpenter said.

"Our hope is they come back as advocates who fight for social justice and the freedom of all."

With a young tour group, Carpenter has had to revamp his program to prepare teenagers for what they may see. The tour has made grown men weep and so the organization wants to make sure the experience doesn't hit the youth too hard.

As part of the new program, students will be met with each day to discuss what they saw and how they felt about it. They will also write a letter explaining the worst thing they saw on the trip and the impact it had. The letter will be given to their parents when they get home, so families know how best to give them support.

"I don't think they are too young... this is the point in life where they are looking into their future and what better opportunity to impact their lives than through an experience like this," Carpenter said.

Principal Garth Dagg is rooting for a successful trip. Since he arrived at DHS almost three years ago, he has seen a real passion in his students for humanitarian work and he's tried to address it with guest speakers and recently, this India trip.

The voyage is costing each student \$3,000 and that 10 students are committed to raising the money, only goes to show Dagg how deep the desire to help others runs.

He hopes an overseas tour, like this one, becomes an annual event.

"We want students to get an understanding of what is going on beyond Didsbury, Alberta and even Canada... and we want to keep something going to encourage global awareness."

## Rural Alberta drives study

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Didsbury Review*

Commuters in Central Alberta could be the first in Canada to hop on a transportation system linking rural communities to city centres.

This year, the Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP), is taking on a study that will look for a network to connect rural residents to work and other pursuits in Red Deer and Calgary.

"We want to make it easier for people to move around... and share transport rather than use their own vehicles," said Dale Barr, chairman of CAEP.

"As far as we know something like this has never been taken on by any other organization in Canada."

The Regional Transportation Study is an ambitious project, bound to have challenges, Barr said.

This is in its infancy stages and could take years to complete; as well there are no previous studies for the organization to work from.

"But hard tasks have great success and great rewards... we want to see this happen," Barr said.

Mayor Brian Wittal, who has given approval for the project along with town council, said this hub and spoke system could ensure Didsbury and other communities aren't forgotten in the long term. It could attract

more resident commuters seeking an affordable place to live, as well as businesses looking to get in on growing rural towns.

According to CAEP, Central Alberta is one of the fastest growing industrialized regions in the world. The population has increased at a rate of 19 per cent from 1996 to 2006 and will only continue to grow if CAEP can find a way to link towns and hamlets to cities.

"If we get this high-speed rail, we don't want it to pass us by and forget to include us in their transportation strategy. This study will look at how to link our residents to that - if (the rail) does happen," said Wittal, who also sits on the transportation study committee.

Building a transportation network could cut down on the cost to create new roads and maintain present ones. As our population grows, the burden on taxpayers and municipal, provincial and federal governments to provide corridors increases.

If 60-100 people can be taken off the road every day and share transportation instead, roads may not have to be expanded or repaired as often, Wittal said.

"I think this is important. If we are able to come up with a system... so people who live in smaller communities can commute effectively and so smaller communities are stimulated economically... great," he said.

"We are getting the ball rolling on this."

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# Opinion

## Editorial Drug impaired driving good for no one

DAN SINGLETON



A new rule that allows police officers to suspend the licences of suspected drug-impaired drivers for 90 days is a good step in keeping Alberta's roads and streets safe.

The Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension program (AALS) already imposes a minimum three-month suspension or disqualification on drivers who are charged with driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent or refusing to provide either a breath or blood sample.

Now the same program has been expanded to apply to motorists suspected of being impaired by drugs.

In the past a police officer who suspected a driver was drug impaired could only request voluntary testing, leaving officers with little chance of pursuing a conviction on the basis of drug-impaired driving.

Last year the federal government established parity between drug and alcohol-impaired driving offences for the first time in Canada through Bill C-2.

Now amendments have been made to the provincial Traffic Safety Act to allow the AALS program to suspend individuals driving while impaired by drugs, ensuring the law is applied equally to individuals charged with either alcohol or drug-driving offences.

Yet while this change provides for the temporary suspension of a person's licence for suspected stoned driving, a major gap in the area of policing of drug-impaired motor vehicle operation remains.

In the case of drunk driving, there is an accepted standard that is used by police and the courts to determine if a person has too much alcohol in his or her bloodstream. Drive with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent and you can be charged and convicted.

On the other hand, in the case of drugs such as marijuana, no nationally accepted standards are in place. That is, there is presently no accepted test that says if a person has this much THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) is his or her blood, he or she is impaired.

Whether such standards can or will ever be settled upon remains squarely in the hands of Canada's lawmakers.

Nevertheless, this new 90-day suspension program will hopefully make more drivers think twice about climbing behind the wheel when they are stoned on drugs.

As the case with alcohol impaired driving has shown time and again, the best and most effective way to avoid accidents and the carnage they leave behind is to stop them at the source, with the driver.

RCMP and other police forces already have their hands full dealing with selfish and criminal motorists who drive drunk. So if you're going to get stoned, just do everyone a big favour and don't drive.



## Commentary H1N1 scare prompts precautions

BY TAMARA  
CUNNINGHAM

Residents are also becoming increasingly alarmed as the province takes the lead in positive tests for the virus.

According to provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall, 50 per cent of the samples for the potentially deadly flu virus are positive compared to only five to 10 per cent proving positive in other parts of the country.

As a result, there have been 53 hospitalizations and six confirmed deaths, although B.C.'s top doctor will be the first to tell you its unclear how widespread the infection is.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, reports about H1N1 seemed to worsen as health authorities announced further spread and as cases of healthy patients dying from the flu came to light.

The night before I was to board the flight from Calgary to Vancouver Island my mom called, troubled that I was going to be breathing in recycled air for the next two hours.

If I could hold my breath during the flight, all the better, she said.

My family has always been careful about avoiding any strain of flu, but since news of H1N1 they've been extremely cautious.

My dad refuses to shake anyone's hand. If someone holds out a palm, he will stick out his fist for a knuckle punch instead.

Hand sanitizer is taken everywhere and used after touching anything from a computer screen to grocery food and they are in the midst of developing a family flu plan.

At first I thought it was just my relatives who were getting the flu jitters, but after touching down on Vancouver Island I began to realize this was something on a lot of people's minds.

Friends were stocking cupboards with Tamiflu and preparing their own plans in case they are knocked down by the flu.

Those working were also taking measures. I saw gas station attendants wearing surgical gloves and they said they were looking to get masks as well.

And people seemed to be keeping an eye out for others who potentially carried the virus and those who coughed were definitely suspect. At one point, I was in a dollar store grabbing some Halloween accessories when a 10-year-old boy began coughing coarsely. Immediately one parent alerted another and a couple of families rushed out the door.

Hearing how worried people were about the flu and seeing the measures they were taking to avoid it, gave me a good case of paranoia.

"Whoa! Are you blowing out those candles?" I asked my uncle as he bent over the birthday cake.

"I mean how are you feeling?

Cough? Hot flashes?"

The night before Thanksgiving, my girlfriends took me to an upscale pub so I could practise some flirting. I'm a little rusty.

For a moment I forgot all about the possibility of getting sick, as I took in the crowd of young people - and most importantly young men - milling about the room.

Then this man stumbled over, a little worse for wear, and introduced himself to my group of friends. He shook everybody's hands and turned to me.

I stared at his open palm and before I could even edit what came out of my mouth, stuck out my elbow and shouted, "H1N1, sorry no hands." I guess I assumed he'd shake my elbow.

His eyes widened and his mouth puckered into a horrified "O."

"You have H1N1?"

"Uh no..." I tried to say over the din. Too late. He stumbled towards the bar.

"She has H1N1," he cried to the other patrons.

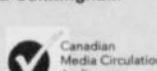
He was intoxicated enough that no one paid him much attention - thank goodness. And my friends had a good laugh. Apparently there is still much I need to learn when it comes to pub-talk.

These days I'm back in Didsbury and feeling more like myself. Although I can't help but wonder if our behaviour will change when H1N1 crosses the Rockies and hits this province as hard as our neighbours.

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*Kim Boyd, Development Officer*

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# Scrapbook vacations a growing trend

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Didsbury Review

Packing off on Caribbean cruises, Mexican resorts and mountain retreats to create family albums is the hottest new trend according to local scrapbookers.

"This is a big thing. There are retreats everywhere now that offer women time away from home to record family history or make something for someone," said Linda Bales, a Didsbury scrapbooker.

She recently went to a retreat with friends in Canmore, where they ate, slept and scrapbooked and the getaway was a blast. There were ladies who had so much fun they didn't bother to sleep at all.

"You get some die-hard scrappers who don't go to bed until 2 or 3 a.m. or who just scrapbook all night long. They are still doing it when you wake up in the morning," she said.

In the last ten years, scrapbooking has blossomed into a popular hobby for men and women looking for a creative way to design their photo albums. Canadian Scrapbooker, a magazine devoted to the craft, says it is seeing more people latch onto the trend, making the hobby's popularity second only to golf.

This retreat and scrap-tour craze is something new to the pastime and it's creating a booming business for bed and breakfasts, hotels and stores.

Even the magazine hopped on the band-

wagon this month, holding two getaways in Edmonton and Calgary.

These retreats, which can range from \$40. to \$200, don't always have to be held far from home; in fact, four times a year Bales hosts a one day event in Didsbury. One affair was held last Friday.

Women drove to Bales' home in the morning, lugging suitcases and boxes bursting at the seams with paper, stamps and stickers. It took two of the women three trips from the front door to the makeshift scrapbook room to haul in all of their equipment. Half the fun is in collecting, they joked as they settled in.

Almost as soon as boxes were piled around the table, the ladies started pulling out pictures and passing them around, laughing at memories of scrap-tours and chatting about what they've been doing since they saw each other last.

"We are close...and would do anything for each other if someone needed help," said Linda Dubé, one of the eight women huddled around the table.

"We never knew each other until this...having a common hobby brought us together."

The women try to meet four times a year at Bales' home, but they also go on vacations together to get album-fodder and go on scrap adventures.

"If you have ever heard of bar hopping, that is what we do except with scrapbook stores. We all wear matching jackets...and we go to



**PIECES OF MEMORIES** - Valerie Prior, cuts and pastes pages of photos during a one day retreat in Didsbury. Ten women who gathered there on Friday, said retreats are the latest fad for Albertan scrapbookers.

as many stores as possible all over the place," Dubé said.

The women, who call themselves the Scrappin Gypsies, collect supplies all day and usually arrive back home late in the evening.

Cam Schmidk, who attended the event Friday with her daughter and granddaughter, said getaways with other women are the ticket to rewinding.

"It's like those old-fashioned quilting bees. Women need to get together with other women to get stress off their chests or share stories about their families, while they do a hobby," she said.

The ladies gab during the events but don't gossip unless they hear something really juicy, they said, laughing.

On October 23 to 25, scrapbook enthusi-

asts have another local retreat to attend and this time at the Didsbury Elks Hall. There are still spots open for Didsbury Pharmasave's weekend event, which provides food, snacks and prizes to participants.

Organizer Debbie Brazzae said they usually plan a getaway but with the recession tightening belts this year, they decided to bring the event closer to home.

"This is lots of fun. People can come here with their supplies and get instruction on new techniques or feed off each other's ideas," she said.

The cost for the full weekend is \$89.25 or \$52.50 for Saturday. And for those who can't attend, the Didsbury Pharmasave will be hosting a scrapbook evening at Mugs, November 13, for \$20 or a food donation.

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| NOV 5  | <b>LONGVIEW, COMMUNITY HALL</b><br>Rick Burton, ABP Chair                                                                        |
| NOV 9  | <b>STRATHMORE, GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB</b><br>Cherie Copithorne-Barnes, ALMA Board of Directors                                    |
| NOV 12 | <b>COCHRANE, RANCHEHOUSE</b><br>Andrea Brocklebank, CanFax Interim Manager<br>Reynold Bergen, ABP Research and Technical Manager |



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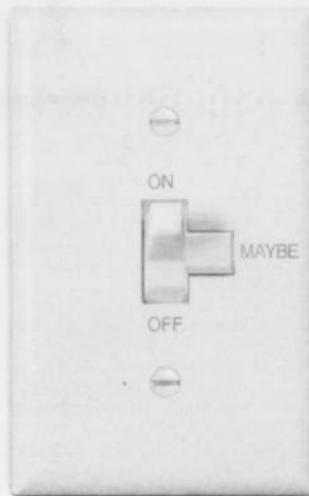
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### Sat. Oct. 17 to Sat. Oct. 31

"Food for Fines" – Return Overdue Library Books along with a donation to the Food Bank and your overdue fines will be waived.

### Tues. Oct. 20

At 7 p.m., you are invited to the Didsbury Municipal Library to meet award winning author Marty Chan. Marty was raised in Morinville, AB, a small town north of Edmonton. Marty Chan is a playwright, radio writer, television story editor and young adult author. Much to the chagrin of his mother, he doesn't include engineer on his resume.

### Wed. Oct. 21

You can get your flu shots at the Didsbury Hospital today and Oct. 27 & 28 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Fri. Oct. 23

Come one, come all to the Annual Fall Pie Tea at Aspen Ridge Lodge starting at 2 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 23

Come to play cribbage at the 5-0 Centre starting at 7 p.m. You will enjoy the coffee and goodies served and the visiting.

### Sat. Oct. 24

Hopefully, you have your tickets for the Small Business Gala starting at 5 p.m. in the MP Room at the Complex. The Chamber of Commerce has planned a great evening for all; cocktails and a silent auction, dinner at 7 p.m. and lively entertainment to follow.

### Sun. Oct. 25

All are welcome to the Annual Roast Beef Supper starting at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church.

### Mon. Oct. 26

If you have family or friends with Alzheimer's Disease or other forms of dementia, the Didsbury and District Support Group invite you to Aspen Ridge Lodge from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call Dolina at 403-335-7285 for more details.

### Wed. Oct. 28

The Community Bus is making a Casino Trip to Calgary leaving the complex at 3:30 p.m. Please reserve your seat by phoning Bea at 403-335-3058 and have fun.

Something new in town? Yes, very definitely. The Playground at the Didsbury Memorial Complex has four new strength and cardio machines for the over 50 crowd. There are instructions on the equipment as to how it should be used. Hopefully, there will be enough seniors interested to form a club to go every week. You can also bring your grandchildren to play while you work out!

### Sat. Oct. 31

Be sure you phone Laura at 403-335-4252 to reserve your table for the Annual Ag Society Craft Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Memorial Complex. Lunch is available.

### Mon. Nov. 16

Have you thought about going to the new mall at Balzac, but have turned away because of the traffic and the parking? Well now those worries are over. Ride the Didsbury & District Community Bus to the Crossiron Mills at Balzac on Monday, Nov. 16, leaving the complex at 9:30 a.m. To reserve your seat call Bea at 403-335-3058 or Gladys 403-335-9863.

On Sept. 13, the weather cooperated for Didsbury's 23rd Annual Terry Fox Run. The Terry Fox Run Committee would like to thank everyone who came out and participated and the people who sponsored those participants. The 37 participants raised \$4,645 in pledges and donations for Cancer Research. Our hats are off to Mayor Brian Wittal, the Town of Didsbury, the Didsbury Fire Department, AG Foods, Maxine and Melissa Moreau, and Shirley Madge for their help with another successful event.

# Olds wetland project breaks ground

BY PAUL FREY  
*Didsbury Review*

The third phase of the wetlands treatment project at Olds College broke ground last week with a ceremony marking the \$2.9 million plan.

The 12-acre site will be treating grey water, groundwater and runoff from the urban landscape.

One of the key priorities of the project is to restore fast-disappearing natural wetlands, which serve as nature's water filters. Through the project, the Olds College School of Innovation is developing ways to help treat municipal swimming pool water, contaminated water from oil and gas or coal mining activities and other sources.

Rob Renner, minister of environment for the Alberta government, said the groundbreaking marked a historic day in beginning to understand the importance of wetlands.

"This is a very critical role that this research facility will play here. It will help us to learn a lot more about water quality, the opportunities that we have for water storage that connect productivity between surface water, water storage and groundwater. It's about innovation ... aligning us with a new direction. We've got so much to learn from this facility," he said.

The educational component of training the next stewards of wetlands is also important, Renner said, as it will build expertise.

"We need to have experts in the field that will allow us to understand how we can preserve wetlands, how we can restore wetlands, and more importantly in a case like this, how we can possibly even construct wetlands," he said.

One of the collaborators on the project, Westcreek Developments, donated \$490,700 toward the development of the wetlands. The residential land developer wanted to partner on the project to construct residential storm water runoff areas that, while also storing water, treat it naturally.

"Urban runoff contains everything from heavy metals to oils to pesticides ... so no longer are we just going to store it and discharge it — we're going to store it, treat it biologically and then discharge it into the waterways in a very much more polished form," said David Poppitt, planning director with Westcreek Developments.

Currently, developers are required to give back three dollars for every dollar worth of productive wetland they take out of the ecosystem as part of their operations under the Wetlands Compensation Act. The money goes to Ducks Unlimited.

"It's many millions of dollars and ... we don't know what it does. It most certainly isn't applied to urban treatment of storm runoff," he said, adding that oftentimes, the money goes to one community where the company doesn't even have operations.

As a result, the company is partnering with the Town of Strathmore, where it has extensive developments, to contribute to wetlands research.

The project has raised just under \$3 million in funding from non-governmental sources such as Ducks Unlimited, private donors (including \$1 million from Henry Heuver, who helped conceive the project several years ago. Heuver is president of Foothills Landscaping).

The project will assist with the provincial government's Water For Life Strategy.

## Town wrestles with budget woes

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Didsbury Review*

Concerned councillors put their heads together last week after learning key provincial funding will be slashed again in 2010.

"This is getting tough. Every year the pot gets smaller and the cost of doing business gets larger. How do we do everything with no money?" said Gayle Veno on the eve of a two-day council retreat at Silver Willows Golf Course.

Across the province, cities and towns learned the government will use an exit clause for a 10-year funding contract as it struggles to rein in a growing deficit.

In 2007, the Stelmach government launched its Municipal Sustainability Initiative, a program that promised a steady pool of dollars for municipal infrastructure like roads, bridges and community facilities. The program is linked with the strength of provincial revenues and can be clawed back in lean times.

This year, the government promised \$600 million to municipalities with almost \$600,000 of those funds heading to Didsbury. Due to the recession however, the government chopped Didsbury's grant by 44 per cent and left towns and cities across the province \$200 million less to share.

For the 2010 budget year, municipalities were promised 1.4 billion dollars and that too will be cut. The province will likely have a billion to share.

AUMA President and Mayor of Morinville, Lloyd Bertschi said the claw-back will hit communities hard. There are municipalities, including his own town, which have already set budgets and called in tenders based on the promised dollars. With cutbacks towns now have to

figure out how to pay off dept - by dipping into reserve funds or raising taxes.

Other municipalities, like Didsbury may have to shelve capital projects or re-allocate dollars and this could affect long-term infrastructure planning.

"Municipalities are very nervous...this is a significant amount of money we needed to catch up on the recent boom and fulfill infrastructure needs," Bertschi said.

He met with the premier yesterday to discuss solutions, such as a blend and extend program that would see the MSI dollars reduced and the length of time towns and cities get the dollars extended beyond the original 10-year period.

As it is, Didsbury is struggling to figure out how it will fill the financial void left behind by the grab-back. The budget has little reserves to cover deficits and council is unwilling to hike taxes.

And none are more adamant about keeping taxes unchanged as Councillor Veno.

"Raising taxes is not an option as far as I'm concerned. When you do that you push the cost of living out of the reach for people who want to raise their families here," she said.

Over the weekend administration and councillors put their heads together at a retreat to figure out budget priorities and possible cutbacks.

Mayor Brian Wittal said the result of less capital funding will mean annual programs will be sidelined, continuing to "push things back farther and farther."

He also said popular public requests such as a skate bowl and splash park, will become low on the to-do list as the town reins in its spending for 2010.

"We want to hold the line as much as possible on expenses because things can add up," Wittal said.

### Here is what your councillors said about 2010 priorities:



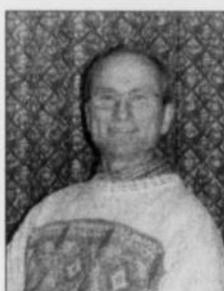
#### GAYLE VENO:

"As far as I'm concerned the number one priority on everybody's list needs to be the sewer lagoon. It will cost a heck of a pile of money...but we are at capacity and need to upgrade. The second thing is to do something about the fire station. It has been declared inhabitable because of black mould."



#### BRIAN WITTAL:

"My priority is the sewer lagoon. How can we reduce our costs for the sewer lagoons to get a long-term system in place that will work for the community? Economic development should also be a focus. We need to get the awareness out there that this is a great community to live."



#### BOB DAVIDSON:

"I don't really have an overall priority for what we need to be spending money on now. I think this is more of a case of finding out what we don't have the money to spend on this year."



#### GAIL NOWLAN:

"In regards to budget priorities, I feel we need to keep supporting and possibly expanding our town-run programs and services that reach our families and youth (360 youth centre, Didsbury Neighborhood Place and DOSCA)."

# Dragons not feeling playoff pressure

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Didsbury Review

The Dragons are heading into playoffs as underdogs for the first time in league history.

And head coach, Mark Lefebvre, can't think of a better position for his team to be in.

"It is much easier to be an underdog...the team doesn't want to work as hard when they're on top," he said.

"They just show up and think they can win, so this is a good thing."

On Saturday, the Didsbury Dragons faced the Sundre Bison on the field for home field advantage and lost 41-6. This is the first time playoffs won't be held on the Dragons' stomping grounds.

In the first quarter, the Dragons and the Bison were locked in a defensive battle, with neither scoring any points. But by the third quarter, the Bison tore into the lead with three touchdowns.

Running back Chris Beach retaliated with a touchdown in the third quarter on a two-yard run, but the team still wasn't able to catch up to their opponents.

"I think we did our plays a lot better than we used to, but we still could have done better...we need more communication," Beach said after the game.

He said the Dragons were short six players, which threw rookies into positions they'd never played before. Four offensive veterans were in Taber, Alta. spiking volleyballs, while two other teammates were sick with the flu.

"It will be a much better game in Sundre because our whole team will be back," Lefebvre said.

By the time the Dragons square off against the Bisons, October 24 at 1 p.m., they will have a new game plan. Lefebvre is going to "throw some things at them that they've never seen before."

Running back Jeremy Stewart

can't wait for another chance at the Bisons.

"All I have to say is we will see them again next week and they better have their A game on," he after shaking hands with the cheering team.

This season has been difficult for the local club with only five returning players. Usually, rookies are eased into the game in the first year, only ruling the field when they get used to the play in the second, third and fourth years. But with so few veterans - and some absent - rookies have been thrown into the fire.

"There are some rookies out there who are scared. They don't ever want to see that ball," Lefebvre said.

"But we have no choice, the team is practically all rookies. They have to get out there."

Next year, all but one player will be returning. Lefebvre expects the team will start the season off strong.



**LOSING HIS GRIP** - The ball slips through Brenden Dolan's grasp as the Sundre Bison give chase.

## Cochrane Generals take charge against Colts

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Didsbury Review

The Mountainview Colts threw everything at the Cochrane Generals Sunday, remaining neck-and-neck with the team until the third period.

For the first 40 minutes, the Colts held off the advancing Generals and focused in on the attack zone. The effort fell apart in the third period and allowed the two-time defending champions to secure three goals for a 4-2 win.

The game started off solid with the blueliners keeping the back and forth affair away from the net until the end of the first period, when Generals forward Darren Schmautz scored a goal.

In the second period, home team right wing, Chris Cottier, lit the lamp for a 1-1 tie. Forward Cody Issler and defenceman Gary Lyczewski assisted him.

Ten minutes later, Travis Macpherson swooped in for another score, with an assist by centre Kelly Kohut and forward Daniel Dyck.

The Colts were able to hold the lead until the last

five minutes of the game, when the Generals scored three goals in quick succession, including one in an empty net.

"I think we got a little too complacent...it just fell apart in the third period," said goalie Jason Arnason.

The team had a few bounces off the goal posts and defence cracked in the last ten minutes of the game.

"It's all those little things, right, that we need to work on still and defence is one of them," Arnason said.

*See Colts on page 10*

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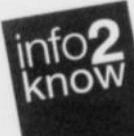
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Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

### Colts

*Continued from page 9*

The Colts have forwards playing back on defence because there isn't a full lineup yet. The team still hopes to draw in another two players.

This is the fifth game the team has lost this season. They won their first game 6-3 against the Rimley Rock on October 10.

"We have a saying that every time you step on the ice you have to get better and that is what we've been doing," said

Kohut.

"We are gaining a reputation as one of the toughest teams in the leagues. We are tough on the stick and we have strong guys, give us another week and we'll start pulling out some w's."

Division realignment this year has put the Colts in the same grouping as many of the league's perennial powerhouses, including Three Hills and Cochrane. With as many as 10 rookies dotting the roster and hard competition, the team expected

a slow season start.

And although they are indeed starting off at a crawl, Arnason said the team isn't that far behind the big leaguers.

"Look at this game, we were able to stick with them until the last few minutes of the game," he said.

"We've always started off slow and we're still learning. I think we'll peak around Christmas and after that we'll be going at full force."

The Mountainview Colts will be facing the Ponoka Stampede this Saturday at 8 p.m.

## Library presents author

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Didsbury Review*

The Didsbury Municipal Library has finally written Albertan author, Marty Chan, into its Taleblazers festival.

For three years, library manager Inez Kosinski has been trying to book the writer she considers an entertaining speaker "with a delightful sense of humour."

Tonight at 7 p.m., Chan will share his wit at the Didsbury Library as he talks to people of all ages about the adventures of authoring. The event is free.

"It is always exciting and interesting to meet a real author - wannabe-writers will be inspired and others will enjoy his readings and stories."

Each year authors travel to Didsbury during the Young Alberta's Book Society Taleblazers festival to speak about their books and inspire young writers.

This particular author from Morinville, Alta., has won several awards for his work including an Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Award for his script, Mom Dad, I'm Living with a White Girl.

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# Police Report

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Didsbury Review*

## Tired farmer crashes car

A man who fell asleep at the wheel and ploughed through six fence posts at midnight, October 9 was "just a tired farmer," police say. No alcohol was involved in the accident and there were no injuries. The police haven't laid charges.

## Party gets triple calls

Neighbours upset with a loud party on 24th Street rang the police more than once on October 10. One caller reported 80 young people gathered outside and another reported fist-fights. The police also got a call about garbage and beer bottles littering the streets. The RCMP were able to "calm" the partiers down.

## Man caught drinking

A man was arrested close to midnight on October 10 when police found him throwing back alcohol at a local watering hole. He was charged for breach of court conditions, which had included no alcohol.

## Stolen car found

RCMP found a vehicle stolen from Airdrie near the Fallen Timber Campground on October 11. The Jeep Liberty was driven hard and left several hundred metres into a cutline. It had been stolen on October 6.

## Thief raids Water Valley home

A thief kicked in the door to a home in Water Valley on October 11 stealing a TV monitor and DVD recorder. Police have no suspects.

## Helping hand turns into charges

A police member that stopped to help a teenager change a tire on October 12, ended up serving him two charges for signs of illegal drugs and breaking his curfew conditions.

## Motorist nailed for faulty child seat

A motorist will take a course on proper child-seat installation or face charges, after failing a routine check-stop inspection. Police found a child seat on the back of the motorcycle faulty, October 9.

## Horses crowd highway

Didsbury's peace officer shuffled nearly 60 horses off the highway near Bergen, October 15. The RCMP haven't heard any complaints of horses blocking roadways since.

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## Message from the Mayor



BRIAN WITTA

**Small business: worthy of year-round recognition**

Our calendars are filled with days, weeks and even months which have been designated to recognize and honour a variety of causes, people and celebrations. For the month of October, Canada's small business community will be commemorated in a variety of ways across the nation's many regions.

Some might question whether or not the small business community is, in fact, deserving of such an official, calendar designation. In response to this, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), a big voice for Canadian small businesses for over 35 years, confidently points to the following two facts regarding small- and medium-sized enterprises' (SMEs) economic footprint:

- Small businesses comprise 95 per cent of enterprises across Canada
- Small businesses generate half of Canada's economic output

Moreover, the significance of small enterprises has been on the rise for years now and is far from showing any

signs of letting up. In fact, CFIB's chief economist Ted Mallett confirms that statistical data demonstrate how SMEs have continued to adapt and grow in the face of broader economic difficulties, including the most recent economic downturn from which we are now beginning to emerge. In other words, small business is steadily and consistently becoming a bigger and bigger deal!

Did you know that SMEs account for 70 per cent of jobs in the private workforce? Further, 79 per cent of small businesses have less than five workers and will likely be responsible for hiring over 50 per cent of all new jobs this year. Small and medium sized business is truly the driver that will help propel Canadians through our economic recovery.

Scholars and economists have spent years arguing over which factors have contributed to the success of SMEs. Examples of such factors have included the following:

- A trend towards decentralization and subcontracting
- Organizational flexibility in a fast-moving, information-based global economy

small business entrepreneurs really shine. They are quick to adapt to the changing environment and look for new ways to keep their businesses focused and sustainable.

It is this independent spirit that continues to help our rural communities thrive and grow as we look to the future as a time of challenge and opportunity.

On behalf of town council and

the residents of Didsbury I would like to say thank you to all small businesses for what they have done to help keep our community vibrant and prosperous and thriving for the future.

We Salute You!

Respectfully,  
Brian Wittal  
Mayor

Town of Didsbury

- Flexibility for mothers and women, who now outnumber men in the Canadian workforce
- The move away from mass-production to specialty goods and services
- The ever-increasing value placed on creativity and innovation

- Plain old Canadian entrepreneurialism!

Whatever the reason, the point is clear: SMEs are a force to be reckoned with. As they grow in number, strengthen communities and create new jobs and opportunities for Canadians in the process, they stake a claim to an unquestionable economic significance more than worthy of a spot on our calendars. One might even go so far as to argue that, for the tens of millions of Canadians benefitting from SMEs at any given moment, the October designation of small business month is nothing more than a formal representation of something we should all celebrate and support, in one way or another, the whole year through.

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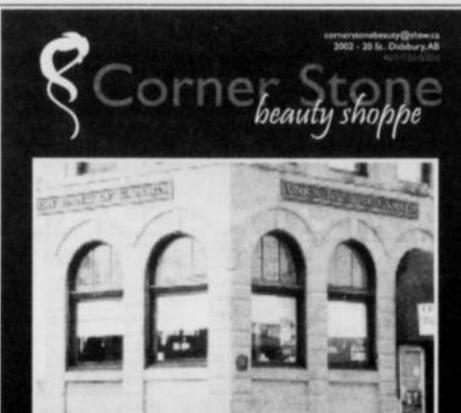
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## Annual awards showcase our businesses

BY TAMARA  
CUNNINGHAM  
*Didsbury Review*

This weekend, the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce will be rolling out the red carpet for business nominees vying for an annual award.

Each year residents drop off ballots that highlight businesses they believe deserve a spot in the lime-light. These are companies people want recognized because they've brought pizzazz to the downtown core, displayed community spirit and excelled in customer service.

"The purpose of this is for (us) to celebrate the entrepreneurs in this town...it's a huge pat on the back because without them we wouldn't have such a vibrant community," said Margo Ward, president of the chamber of commerce.

This is the first year that three businesses will be

sharing the spotlight. The chamber of commerce has added a new business and non-profit award category to the ceremony. And at least when it comes to new business, residents had a wealth of choice.

This town has garnered

140 new commercial/industrial companies since January 2009. One hundred and eight non-residential outfits applied for licences this year, as well 21 home businesses and four peddlers.

This week, a secret panel

will be choosing three winners that will be awarded on October 24 at the Small Business Gala.

"I will have no idea who will win until that night. We try to keep things very impartial," Ward said.

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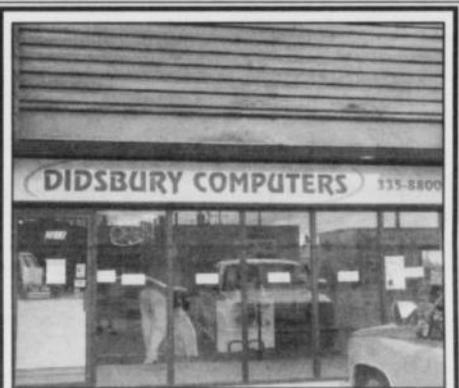
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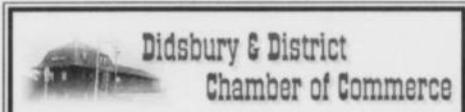


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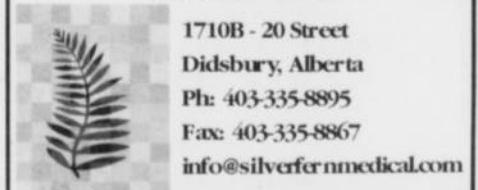
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## Nomination: Fashions on Main



Fashions on Main has been dressing local ladies for the last five years and according to residents, it does it with taste and style.

That's why business owner, Stella MacFarlane, has been nominated for the Small Business of the Year award.

One nominator said employees at the fashion shop always make her feel important, "not for hopes of a sale but as someone they really care about."

While another resident said the atmosphere at the shop is pleasant, relaxed and very small town, with the ladies calling her by name and picking out new trends for her to ring up.

Owner, MacFarlane, was surprised to learn she is in the running for the Small Business of the Year award. This is

yet another example of the support this town has given her, she said.

MacFarlane and her husband started the business in 2004 in the space where Personal Alternative Funeral

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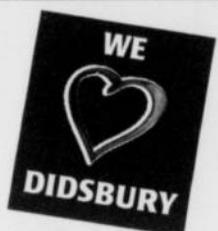
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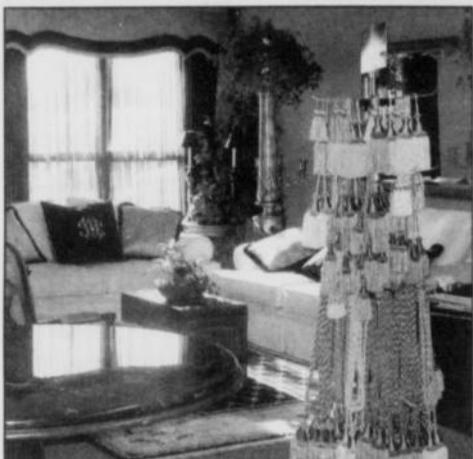
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## Nomination: Front Porch Realty

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The realtors started the business three years ago, looking to add a new approach to buying and selling homes.

Reed, owner of the outfit, said the idea was to give people a stress-free experience, while injecting a little fun into the process. And if anything shows how much fun he and associate, Neufeld, are having, it's the advertisements on the back of the Didsbury Review.

The nominator for Front Porch Realty said he always gets a good laugh from the advertisements, though that is not the main reason he listed the duo as deserving winners.

"If you want a good realtor dedicated to working hard and doing the best for their customers, call the



Porch Boyz," he wrote on his nomination form.

He also added that when the realtors aren't selling homes, or stopping in at their favourite coffee shop, they are doing what

they can to volunteer and support the local community.

This "would be a small step to recognizing their valuable commitment to Didsbury."

This is the second time the business has been nominated for the small business award of year. The first time was in 2007 when they lost out to Didsbury Pharmasave.



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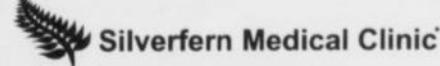
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# SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

## Nomination: Windsor Graphics

Windsor Graphics, a company that specializes in web site design and promotion, has been running for 13 years and it's time it was nominated as small business of the year, nominees say.

The company, owned by Bill and Kathleen Windsor, opened its doors in 1996 and has been helping local businesses tap into cyber world ever since. Staying viable hasn't been easy for the web design outfit, especially with the ups and downs of the Alberta economy, but it's persevered nonetheless. According to the nominators, the business even came out on top in 2007-2009 by doubling its revenue.

And the key to its success?

"They are personable and friendly and will answer any questions you have and they will take your vision and place it on the web to create your individual image," said a local resident.

The nominators also want the business recognized for its efforts in keeping residents aware of the goings on in this community. **KATHLEEN WINDSOR** Windsor Graphics runs a website ([www.mydidsbury.ca](http://www.mydidsbury.ca)) which lists the latest events and issues in Didsbury and Mountain View County.



## Small business by the numbers

Alberta's small business sector is a vital component of the province's economy. In 2007, the sector was responsible for 24% of Alberta's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the chief indicator of economic productivity. The national average for small business contribution to GDP was 26%. (Source: Industry Canada, Key Small Business Statistics, July 2009)

Small businesses (businesses that employ less than 10 employees) account for about 77.2% (115,774) of all businesses with employees in Alberta. (Source: Industry Canada, Key Small Business Statistics, July 2009)

Small businesses (businesses that employ less than

50 employees) account for 95.6 (143,368) of all businesses with employees in Alberta. (Source: Industry Canada, Key Small Business Statistics, July 2009)

From 2000 to 2008, the number of small businesses (businesses that employ less than 50 employees) in Alberta increased by 20.0%. (Source: Alberta Finance and Enterprise, 2008 Alberta Business Monitor)

In 2008, 14.2% of small businesses (less than 10 employees) in Canada were located in Alberta. In 2008, Alberta's share of Canada's population was 10.8%. (Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Business Patterns; Census 2006)



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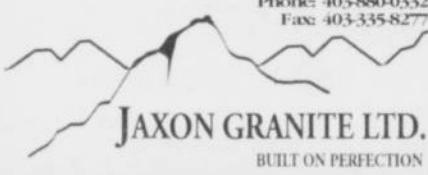
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"Hats off to the founders that created this very noble organization at a time when local autonomy was removed from the hospital districts in Alberta. I believe that the Rosebud Health Foundation has earned its position to compete for this Chamber award," wrote a local resident.

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They are "running a successful, unique business that brings a new element to Didsbury's business community," read a nomination form.

Another resident praised the owners' friendliness and willingness to help, as well as going beyond their business to support countless community initiatives.

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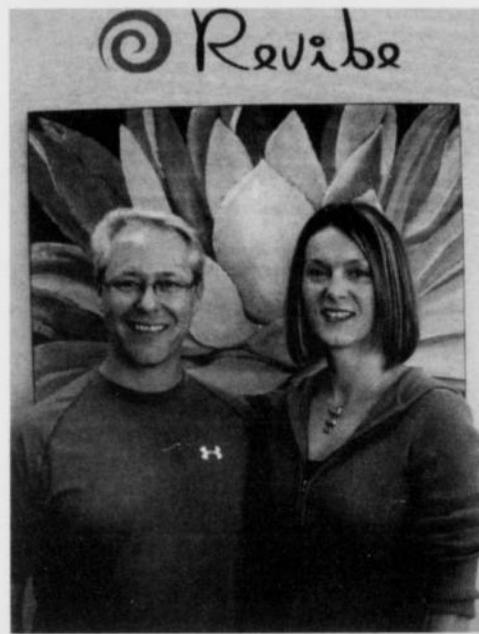
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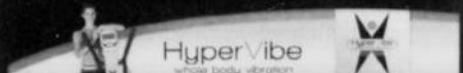
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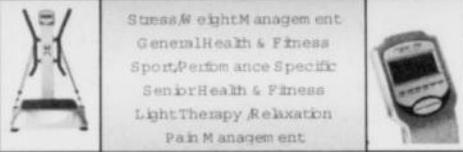
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Historical Review 2008)

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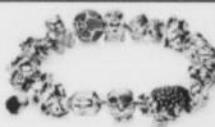
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Brand new home, 1748 sq ft, Hardwood, gas fireplace, main floor laundry, great ensuite with soaker tub, huge rear deck, large yard



\$369,500 plus net GST

**2029 - 22 Avenue**

A real character! 3 bedrooms, main floor laundry, several newer windows, original fir floors, wrap-around veranda, single garage



\$218,900

**1269 - 23 Avenue**



\$329,900

**#26 Didsbury Mobile Home Park**

Over 1100 sq ft of living space, 3 bedrooms, covered deck, all appliances included, on rented lot (\$295/month)



\$52,000

**#2, 2200 - 7 Avenue**

great starter home or revenue property, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, new flooring, good sized fenced yard



\$134,900



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**1515 McAlpine Street, Carstairs**



Great Family 2 Storey!  
Over 1700 sq ft of brand new living, gas fireplace, walk

through pantry, main floor laundry, huge lot, ready for a summer possession

\$353,500

**2143 - 22 Avenue**



Well built home in great location, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, hardwood, brick exterior, large lot, single garage

\$299,900

**2102 - 20 Street**



Great commercial opportunity!  
5 commercial lots on busy mainstreet in Oldsberry, 130' X 130' total

\$275,000

**1918 - 16 Street**



Just move in and enjoy maintenance free living, 2 + 1 bedrooms, gas fireplace, granite countertops, newer tile floors and carpet, reasonable HOA fees

\$239,900

**9 West Highlands Bay, Carstairs**



Absolutely beautiful new home! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, fireplaces, huge ensuite bath, maple cabinetry, high quality and great value from Dreamwood Homes!

\$429,900

**20 Westheights Drive**



Immaculate home! Country kitchen plus formal dining, wood burning fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large pie lot, double garage, great location

\$279,900

**2022 - 18 Avenue**



Major renovations including addition, 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, corner gas FP, maple kitchen, formal dining, sunroom, walk-in closet in master, separate entrance for home based business, 24' X 30' garage.

\$299,900

**1609 - 15A Street**



Very well kept home, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, gas fireplace, air conditioning, large yard, well priced!

\$299,000

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